

# SUNDAY SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PRELUDE “In Christ There Is No East or West” -arr. R. Hughes

WELCOME

• CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on verses from Psalm 146) (Responsively)*

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

One: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

**All: I will sing praises to the Lord all my life long.**

One: Come let us worship our God, who brings justice to the oppressed

**All: Who gives food to the hungry and sets the prisoners free.**

**Every One: Come let us worship the God of Love!**

• OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

**God of all people, open our hearts this day to welcome our neighbors. Help us to expand the table of blessing that all who are in need might commune together in peace.**

**Forgive us when we fail to recognize the needs of others and empower us in faith that we might extend the invitation to join us in this holy meal without reservation. Inspired by your grace toward us, help us make room for all who hunger and thirst for your love made known through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 *(Sung by all)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23** *(page 604)*

Second Reading: **James 2: 1- 10** *(page 229)*

SERMON HYMN #284 “Gather Us In”

SERMON “An Invitation to the Table, Without Reservations!”

GREETING TIME *(It is so wonderful to be able to greet each other with Christ’s peace again. As we do please respect each other’s level of comfort. You may use verbal cues or hand signals such as: one hand up in a stop position means please just say hi. Hand positioned for a handshake; a shake is appropriate if both are comfortable. Hands open at side; a hug is welcome if both are comfortable.)*

MUSICAL REFLECTION “In Remembrance of Me” -B. Red

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(At Emanuel we practice an open communion table so anyone who seeks a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ is welcome to share this sacrament. You do not need to be a member of this church. In your individual communion kit is a wafer and juice. First you peel back then then clear layer and receive the wafer, then the thicker plastic layer to drink the juice.)*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving #414 (*Sung by all*)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**Jesus, we trust that you are present in the sacrament we have shared. We love You above all things, and desire to receive You into our soul. we believe in your grace, poured out and are ready to offer our gifts to your ministry and uphold the truth that love is greater than any other power. Amen.**

• CLOSING HYMN #453 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”

• BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” -arr. D. Wagner

## **Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*

### **Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

### **James 2: 1- 10**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.